**5th Grade Research Assignment**

**Essential Question:**

*How do I use the writing process with research to communicate*

*factual information to my audience?*

**Your Assignment:**

You have just been hired by a magazine to write a non-fiction article on the Civil War Era for their magazine. Your article must have one specific topic and five sub-topics. You will need to include an interesting introduction paragraph, five paragraphs with subtopic information and a convincing concluding paragraph. You must be ready to submit your typed article to the publisher on December 1st.

**Your Resources:**

- 2 non-fiction books

- 2 internet sources (not search engines)

- 1 reference source (online or hardcopy)

- 1 primary source

All of your sources will be recorded on the citing worksheet.

**Your Assistants:**

* During the process you will be given specific information by all

of your teachers as you need it.

* You will have a contract to help you meet your deadlines
* You will have a citing worksheet to help organize your resources
* You will have a Fact File to organize all of your notes
* You will have access to Chromebooks to type your paper
* You will have several formative assessments to be sure your

work is meeting the learning targets

* You will have a final rubric to evaluate your writing as you work

**5th Grade Research Contract**

**Introduced to students on November 4th**

**Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Topic:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| Parent Initial | Teacher Initial | Due Date |  |
|  |  | 11/8 | **Topic Chosen**  “I can select a meaningful, focused topic for my writing.” |
|  |  | 11/8 | **Sub-Topic Questions listed**  “I can create quality research questions.” |
|  |  | 11/8 | **Minimum resources (2) found**  “I can use required resources to answer my research questions.” |
|  |  | 11/15 | **Note taking progressing effectively**  “I can collect appropriate information to answer my research questions.” |
|  |  | 11/20 | **Note taking completed**  “I can take notes from various reference materials.” |
|  |  | 11/25 | **Rough Draft completed**  “I can put my ideas into sentences and paragraphs in an organized way when writing my rough draft.” |
|  |  | 12/2 | **Revised and Edited copy completed**  “I can revise my writing to improve the quality of the content, using organization, sentence structure and word choice.”  “I can improve my writing by correcting the errors in spelling and grammar.” |
|  |  | 12/5 | **Final Research paper competed**  “I can produce a final written project.” |
|  |  |  | **Total Points awarded for meeting deadlines** (24 possible points) |

You will receive three points toward your final grade for meeting each of these

deadlines. These points will be awarded when there is a parent and teacher

signature on the respective dates. No points will be given after the deadline

date has passed.

**Research Topics to choose from:**

REMEMBER: These topics are very broad; you must narrow your topic

before you begin your research!

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Battles

Historical Figures

Slavery/Emancipation

Underground Railroad

Working Bibliography or Works Cited

**(You must have 6 sources)**

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